



CITY OF SAN BRUNO

Community Services Department

MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting

May 19, 2021

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Palmer called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Present: Chair Palmer, Greenberg, Martinucci, Nigel, Zamattia, and Zastrow. Commissioners Excused: Vice Chair Gonzales. Staff Present: Brewer, Mottola, and Venezia.

Commissioner Nigel led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. **REVIEW OF AGENDA: MSC Martinucci/Greenberg.** Unanimous.
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from April 21, 2021. **MSC Martinucci/Nigel.** Accepted 6-0.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:** None.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Presentation of 2021 Community Recognition Award to Brian Hafter –
Commissioner Nigel presented the award to Brian Hafter. This award is given periodically to a person or an organization that has provided dedicated service to the San Bruno community over an extended period of time. The award was initiated in 2002. Two plaques are inscribed with the award recipient's name and dedication date. The perpetual plaque is located in the Recreation Center and the other plaque was presented to honoree Brian Hafter. **Commissioner Nigel** stated that Brian Hafter has devoted countless hours of time and energy to youth mainly related to youth soccer. His significant skills and dedication to the youth and beyond are significant. He is a devoted family man and his children have participated and thrived at San Bruno activities.

Brian Hafter thanked **Commissioner Nigel** for his touching words. He stated that he is deeply grateful to the committee for having selecting him for this honor. He would like to serve the community for the years ahead. He thanked everyone for making it such a special evening.

Commissioner Martinucci stated that she has known Brian Hafter for many years. She stated that he is always professional and has always gone further and beyond. She thanked him for everything that he has always done.

Chair Palmer stated that on behalf of the City, the Commission, and his family and friends, congratulations. An honor well-deserved.
 - b. Receive Report on Unity Memorial Sculpture and Reflections Seating Area –

Superintendent Brewer stated that Vice Chair Gonzales asked about some background on the sculpture a few months ago. The artists were contacted and they explained that the sculpture is not called Reflections and actually called Unity. It was dedicated on June 28, 2012 with just the names of the eight fire victims on it. The artists are Jonathan Russell and Saori Ide Russell of Ride Art Studio in Berkeley. The Reflections name came from the seating area that was donated by the Rotary Club. Currently there is one extraordinary recognition plaque for Carolyn Livengood. Plaques in honor or in memory of residents of San Bruno can be purchased through Superintendent Brewer. The artists have been contacted about removing some scratches on the sculpture.

Commissioner Martinucci stated that the sculpture looks more than scratched and wanted to know if we have asked the artists to fix it. **Director Mottola** stated that when there are public art projects, it is customary to ask the artist to do the repair. They will typically know the right fabricator or will do the repair themselves.

Commissioner Zamattia asked how someone gets nominated for an extraordinary service plaque. **Superintendent Brewer** explained that the organizations within the City do the nominations. It is a minimum of 25 years of service and a nomination by two organizations. The special service plaques require a minimum of 15 years of service and a nomination by one organization. There is a nomination in the queue, but because of Covid it has been put on hold.

Commissioner Greenberg stated that the first plaque placed was for Bob Greenberg. It wasn't a nominated plaque, but a purchased one.

Commissioner Nigel stated that if one goes online and looks for City of San Bruno Recognitions, there are three categories, two with City Council and one with the Parks and Recreation Commission. It explains the process.

Chair Palmer stated that he likes the new name and thanked the subcommittee, **Commissioners Martinucci and Zamattia**, for working with the Culture and Arts Commission and recommending the new location.

Commissioner Zastrow stated the new positioning is great and that we are still honoring the people that do great stuff.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

8. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Greenberg sent kudos to the Senior Center staff for the newsletter. She loves it and looks forward to it. She asked about return to play procedure revisions now that we are in the yellow tier. **Superintendent Brewer** stated that we are under the same rules and nothing has changed and temperatures should still be taken. Once that changes, she will let everyone know. Lots of changes anticipated on June 15th.

Commissioner Greenberg stated that she is starting up her park visits. She wants to visit two a month. She went to Ponderosa Park and stated that it looks the same as when she visited last year and the neighbors are adamant that it is a useless space. The slide is too little and the lawn area has a bump so they can't use it. She also visited Pacific Heights Park and saw that it is being utilized. It is a beautiful park and ideal for soccer. There is potential for more soccer fields if some of the pathway is redone. **Superintendent Brewer** stated that soccer will start using Pacific Heights regularly on July 1st.

Commissioner Nigel thanked everyone for letting him make the presentation tonight and thanked **Superintendent Brewer** for all of her help. He stated that the neighbors by Pacific Heights Park love it and are really happy with the park maintenance. He

thanked **Parks Supervisor, Dan Venezia**.

Commissioner Martinucci stated that she gave the ring that was found to Parks & Rec and it is in their safe.

Chair Palmer thanked **Commissioner Nigel and Commissioner Martinucci** for their comments during tonight's presentation. He stated it was nice to see so many people in the audience. A well-deserved honor for Brian.

9. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Director Mottola gave a shout out to **Superintendent Brewer** for maintaining the level of service to the senior population during Covid. **Superintendent Brewer and Supervisor Tessier** are an extraordinary team.

Director Mottola announced the big news that **Supervisor Venezia**, our phenomenal supervisor, is being promoted to Parks Manager. The Commissioners congratulated him. **Supervisor Venezia** thanked everyone and stated he is looking forward to the new challenges.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business to be conducted, **Chair Palmer** adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.